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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action dated July 26, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-14 (Group I); and Claims 15-18 (Group II) were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Claims 1-14 (Group I) in this patent application.